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MOOREHEAD, WARREN K. *The American Indian in the United States.* Pp. 440. Price, \$3.25. Andover: The Andover Press, 1914.

Frankness and candor seem to be characteristic of this work. The author is interested primarily in neither the historical nor the ethnological problem but in the present welfare of the American Indians now living in the United States. Descriptions of all the principal groups in all parts of the country are given, with many of their customs and peculiar characteristics, but the main purpose of the book is to reveal the situation of individuals, tribes, and groups as a result of their care or lack of care since 1850. We have in this book the most frank and fearless presentation of the wrongs inflicted upon these defenseless wards of the government which has yet appeared. The gigantic land steals and swindles, the individual and collective fleecing of near-citizens and helpless women and children by unscrupulous land grabbers are set forth in all their shocking detail. The weakness of our governmental machinery is made clear without personal malice or incrimination. The faults are due to politics and lack of publicity. The good features of our Indian policy are presented fairly and with appreciation.

The book is a mine of information for the social student, but it is intended to arouse public feeling and action in behalf of the Indian. Written for this avowed purpose, it is remarkably sane. It is profusely illustrated and well indexed.

REDFIELD, CASPER L. *Dynamic Evolution.* Pp. xi, 210. Price, \$1.50. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1914.

The word *dynamic* is used here in the purely mechanical sense. Accumulated energy in parents is transmitted to offspring. Illustrative material is drawn from the pedigrees of horses, cattle, dogs and men. Energy is acquired by use, such as training in trotters. This is the Lamarckian theory of hereditary transmission in a new form. Longevity in man, the author holds to be conditioned by the age of parents. The older the parents the greater the expectancy of the child. Peculiar mental abilities correspond to the characteristics of parents at various ages; *i. e.*, the fathers of military heroes average 30 years; of artists, musicians and literati, 31-40; of statesmen, 41-50; of philosophers, 51 and over. The data seem inadequate for such generalizations, but the subject cannot be dismissed without further investigation. The theory is to be reckoned with, and invites corroboration or disproof by further studies.

REEVES, EDITH. *Care and Education of Crippled Children in the United States.* Pp. xi, 252. Price, \$2.00. New York: Survey Associates, Inc., 1914.

Ordinarily, few people realize how many crippled children there are in this country, and much less the extent and nature of the provision which is made for their care and education. Miss Reeves has rendered a genuine service in the collection of this material and its translation into available form by the student. While nearly every sane person recognizes and welcomes the development of medical science and the resulting saving of life through our knowledge of how to deal with the sick and injured, the author would be the last to have us forget that prevention of accident or sickness is a greater public service than the cure of those who are afflicted.